

Felsham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the MEETING of FELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on 21st March 2023 in the Village Hall

- Present:** Cllr Simon Garrod (Chair), Cllr Mark Tavenor, Cllr Ken Sparkes, Cllr David Simpson
- In attendance:** SCC & MSDC Cllr Penny Otton
Isabelle Reece (Clerk & RFO)
- Apologies:** Cllr Paul Jell
- 2022/135** **Welcome & To receive apologies** – Cllr Garrod welcomed everyone to the meeting & received apologies from Cllr Jell
- 2022/136** **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – No interests were declared & there were no requests for dispensation.
- 2022/137** **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on 21st February 2023 were considered, approved & signed as a true record
- 2022/138** **County & District Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton's report to the Parish Council had been received & was noted and forms part of these minutes below. Cllr Otton highlighted the Government's extension to the Household Support Fund; the newly awarded Highways Services Contract to Milestone Infrastructure; and the Libraries Proposal; as well as her recent correspondence with the Planning Department regarding Planning Application DC/23/00640 Land behind Six Bells
- 2022/139** **Public Forum** – A member of the public expressed vehement objection to Planning Application DC/23/00640 and voiced concern as to the effectiveness of the Planning Process. (All documents relating to this application can be found on the Babergh Mid Suffolk DC website.)
- 2022/140** **Clerk's Reports** – See separately. The Clerk highlighted the fact that the donation from The Felsham Charity towards grass cutting had already been transferred to the PC bank account **ACTION:** Clerk to write to The Felsham Charity to express thanks
- 2022/141** **Finance & Governance**
a. Orders totalling £289.04 were approved (Clerk's Salary & Expenses)
- 2022/142** **Planning.**
a. To consider the following Planning Applications:
DC/23/00640 – Land Behind Six Bells 2 detached dwellings: **OBJECTION**
DC/23/00449 – Brindlewood, Dakings Lane, Felsham – Conversion of Barn: changes to the original proposal were noted - **NO COMMENTS**
b. No decisions had been received since the issue of this Agenda
c. Tree Crowning at Chantry Cottage was noted as well as the Consultation on the New Joint Local Plan; the DC Elections will cause a short delay in Planning Decisions
- 2022/143** **Village Maintenance:**
a. To receive a report from the Tree Officer – nothing to report
b. To consider any matters reported – nothing had been reported
c. Update modifications to the mowing regime – TGS had confirmed the changes to the Mowing Regime. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate previous provisions for Playing Field mowing
- 2022/144** **Conservation Area:**
a. To receive a report from the Conservation Officer – nothing to report
b. To consider any matters reported – nothing reported

2022/145 Footpaths:

- a. To receive a report from the Footpath Officer – Two new footbridges had been installed on Footpath No. 3
- b. To consider any matters reported & update on posts – no other matters had been reported; the ROW Support Team had been in contact with Cllr Tavernor

2022/146 Correspondence – no further actions required

2022/147 Local Housing Needs Survey – Contact with the new Local Housing Officer had been established

2022/148 Village Sign – owing to a misunderstanding of task allocation there was nothing to report: Cllr Simpson will pursue

2022/149 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council – a parishioner had contacted the Council to express concern that the village's benches were in a state of considerable disrepair; Cllr Sparkes reminded the Meeting of the Parking Issues at Orchard Close
ACTION: the matter to be pursued

2022/150 To agree the date of the Annual Parish Meeting & to confirm the date of the next Meeting – the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th May (immediately before the First Meeting of the New Council); next Meeting Tuesday 18th April

The Meeting was closed by Cllr Garrod at 20.45hrs

Signed_____ Chairman Dated_____